

5 March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Firstly, a huge thank you for all your support over recent months with home schooling and our move to a virtual academy. We are excited for the full return of our students and we look forward to seeing them next week.

Following Mrs Sprack's weekly update, I am writing to share further details of our plans for re-opening next week.

Returning to school

There will be a staggered return to school throughout the course of the week beginning 8 March, in line with Government advice. Students whose parents have consented to Lateral Flow Testing (LFT) will receive a series of 3 tests over the course of the first 7 days, on their return to the Academy. After the initial test on day 1, students then receive 2 further tests 3 – 5 days apart.

Return to school dates

Monday 8 March	Years 10, 11, 12 and 13 only	Years 7, 8 and 9 Virtual Learning at home
Tuesday 9 March	Years 7, 8 and 9 only	Years 10, 11, 12 and 13 Virtual Learning at home

Wednesday 10 March All students return

Please note that on Monday 8 and Tuesday 9 March there may be some changes to the online virtual learning experiences for students at home, with some staff delivering extended lessons to students in school or supporting the testing process. Class teachers will inform their class via Teams as to the changes to the lesson which may take the form of an assignment or other suitable activities.

Students returning on day 1 will remain in their class until all Year group members who have consented to testing have been tested. The day 1 initial registration base is indicated below. The curriculum and timetable on this day will be different to their normal timetable. **Only students in Year 8Y PE group who have PE on Tuesday Period 3 and 4 should arrive in their PE kit. All other students should arrive at the academy in full school uniform for Monday or Tuesday.**

ALL students will be required to bring a packed lunch along with any break time snacks and drinks they require as there will be **no food service** available in school until **Wednesday 17 March**. Those students entitled to a free school meal will be able to collect a packed lunch from the canteen upon arrival each morning. To accommodate the safe testing of bubbles lunchtime arrangements may need to be flexible.

Face Coverings - students over the age of 11 must continue to wear face coverings at school and on public transport and also when they are moving around the school site. **Students who arrive on school transport must continue to sit in their allocated seat.**

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Students are now required to wear face coverings in lessons. **Parents of students who are medically exempt from wearing face coverings must contact the Academy before Monday 8 March providing medical evidence.**

Face coverings may only be removed when eating or drinking and students should continue to bring a sealable bag or container in which to store their mask when not in use. Face coverings are not required during Physical Education / Dance lessons. The government have indicated they will review the use of face coverings in lessons at Easter. We appreciate that the wearing of face coverings as outlined above is potentially uncomfortable, but in the interests of stopping the transmission of Covid-19, the health and safety of both staff and students, and following the governments guidelines we thank you for your anticipated support.

Day 1 Returning Monday (Years 10, 11, 12 and 13 only) – where to go

Test day 1	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13
Registration	Register with English teacher in English classroom	Register with Maths teacher in Maths classroom	Register with 6 th Form team in M24	Register with 6 th form team in Common Room

Key workers from Years 7 – 9 continue to register in the main school hall.

Day 1 Returning Tuesday (Years 7, 8 and 9 only) – where to go

Year 7 and 8 students will have an assembly on Monday 8 March to discuss arrangements for the first day back.

Test day 1 - Year 7 Tuesday (Group and Classroom)	Test day 1 - Year 8 Tuesday (Group and Classroom)	Year 9 (Group and Classroom)
Registration Maths 7XMa1, LV2 7XMa2, S5 7XMa3, S6 7XMa4, LV1 7X Ma5, LV1 English 7YEn1, S4 7YEn2, S3 7YEn3, S2 7YEn4, S1 7YEn5, S1	Registration Maths 8XMa1, S9 8XMa2, S8 8XMa3, S7 8XMa4, S10 English 8YEn1, S11 8YEn2, M21 8YEn3, M22 8YEn4, M23 Students in 8Y need to come to school in their PE Kit	Year 9 register with a teacher from Science. 9-1 = M16 9-2 = M17 9-3 = M18 9-4 = M19 9-5 = M10 9-6 = M11 9-7 = M35

Key workers from Years 10 – 13 continue to register in the main school hall.

Please note should students be unsure about where to go on their first day back, staff will be available to support them.

Students whose parents have not consented to LFT will remain in the classroom with their host teacher whilst testing of others is completed. Should a student receive a positive test result, the latest Public Health England and Department for Education guidelines will be followed and you will be contacted to come to collect your child.

Wednesday 10 March

After day 1 testing is complete students will return to Covid-19 secure teaching within Year group bubbles similar to arrangements before Christmas. Please note on testing day 2 and testing day 3 students will receive an amended timetable to ensure testing can be completed as quickly as possible with minimum disruption.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Barlow', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mr Barlow
Principal